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SUBJECT: W/W: FUNDS - ANNE SCOTT

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1. AS MRS. SCOTT INDICATES IN HER LETTER, CASE OF HER DAUGHTER, KATHERINE, DID NOT CONSTITUTE EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION CALLING FOR EXCEPTIONAL RESPONSE BY EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER UHO IN CIRCUMSTANCES CORRECTLY SUGGESTED THAT MRS. SCOTT FORWARD FUNDS TO AMEXCO LONDON WHICH WAS OPEN FOR BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 1.

2. EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER VIVIDLY RECALLS CASE AS HE WAS WAKENED FROM SLEEP LATE EVENING OF AUGUST 31 TO TAKE MRS. SCOTT'S CALL. HE EXPLAINS THAT MRS. SCOTT INDICATED THAT HIS SUGGESTION OF SENDING FUNDS TO AMEXCO WAS GOOD IDEA, THANKED HIM FOR IT AND ABRUPTLY ENDED TELCON BEFORE DUTY OFFICER COULD TAKE NAMES AND OTHER DATA FOR EMBASSY RECORDS.

3. REFTEL (B) REPORTS THAT MRS. SCOTT FORWARDED FUNDS "VIA WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDER" TO THE DEPARTMENT, A TRANSACTION SHE COULD HAVE SUCCESSFULLY EFFECTED DIRECT TO AMEXCO LONDON.

4. IN LINE WITH WHAT EMBASSY BELIEVES TO BE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY, EMBASSY, IN HANDLING HUNDREDS OF REQUESTS THIS NATURE, MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO MINIMIZE RESORT TO SCS/ TRUST FUND PROCEDURE, PARTICULARLY SINCE MORE THAN
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ADEQUATE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE HERE.

5. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT MRS. SCOTT HAS INFERRED FROM
HER CONTACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT HER PROBLEM OF
TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO LONDON WAS SOLVED "WITH WHAT IS
APPARENTLY STANDARD PROCEDURE". RICHARDSON

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